

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

Hurricane City Hall
147 North 870 West
Hurricane, UT

Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 1:30 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron
Mr. Todd Edwards
Mr. John Postert

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
Washington County
LaVerkin City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Toni Foran
Mr. Thomas Dansie
Ms. Doni Pack
Mr. Curt Hutchings

Hurricane City
Springdale Town
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EXCUSED:

Mr. Derek Imlay

LaVerkin City

ABSENT:

Mr. Daren Cottam
Planner
Mr. Mike Miles

Toquerville City
Leeds City
UDOT, Richfield

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Arthur LeBaron , Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There was a quorum present. Mr. LeBaron introduced Mr. John Postert who is a LaVerkin building official who was asked to represent LaVerkin City in place of Mr. Derek Imlay for this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2009 MEETING

Mr. LeBaron presented Minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting to the Committee for consideration and approval:

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**A motion was made by Mr. Todd Edwards, seconded by
Mr. Arthur LeBaron, to approve the Minutes of the
March 26, 2009 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. ACCESS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT DRAFT

An Access Management Agreement is one of the tasks identified by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to be completed by the RPO during its first year. After the document is finalized by the RTAC, it will be presented to the RPO Executive Council for approval. Mr. Curt Hutchings provided a draft Access Management Policy to all present. In this document Mr. Hutchings included many of the ideas expressed at the previous RTAC meeting.

The draft states that the primary goal of the Access Management Policy is to create safe, free flowing traffic on RPO roads and to protect the interests of all parties traveling on the RPO roads. A secondary goal, which may require a separate agreement, is to coordinate between the RPO Cities and Washington County to unify road design standards.

Other provisions of the draft Policy included: each RPO entity will have a Master Transportation Plan and review that plan on a regular basis; each RPO entity will outline certain steps to follow to ensure proper access management and include such procedure in their ordinances; and thresholds will be determined for when it is appropriate to contact UDOT regarding a development proposal.

After discussion it was decided that UDOT would be included as a technical resource for management of developments that, 1) directly access any State road; or 2) have access within ¼ mile of a State road and will generate 100 or more new peak hour trips during the morning or afternoon peak hours.

There was a request that, in turn, UDOT agree to consult with the appropriate City or the County should UDOT grant access to any developments within the RPO area.

Recognizing that development projects in one RPO entity could greatly affect traffic flows in a neighboring entity, it was suggested that RPO entities agree to cooperate together to minimize the traffic impacts of applicable new developments.

There was a question whether to require development proposals to automatically include a traffic impact study.

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The RTAC Committee decided to have RPO staff create a second draft agreement and make it available to RTAC members for further appraisal. It was decided that the agreement

eventually finalized by the RPO Executive Council should bear the signatures of the Mayors of all four RPO entities, the RPO Washington County Commissioner, and a representative of UDOT.

IV. RPO TRAILS INFORMATION

At the March 26, 2009 RTAC meeting, Mr. Hutchings requested trail information from each RPO municipality. Washington County provided material. Mr. Hutchings again requested that each RPO municipality send him their trails information. The information can be in any form, including hard maps. Washington County could assist by creating GIS files off of hard maps.

The Committee members from all four municipalities concluded that their Cities/Town do not have any formalized trails that would be appropriate to include in a State database. Hurricane City does have the Canal Trail, but it is difficult to traverse and could raise accessibility issues. Other informal trails cross private ground.

Mr. Hutchings agreed that documenting trails is not a high priority task for the RPO, but as trails are formally established, it would be good to forward that information to the State GIS Committee. There is a proposed Three Rivers Trail project in the works; LaVerkin City made application for funds.

One suggestion was for each RPO municipality to schedule meetings at the Washington County GIS office and bring whatever materials are available to convert hard maps to GIS form. Hurricane will work to collect their information and provide it to the RPO.

V. TRANSPORTATION MODEL DEVELOPMENT (TAZ)

Mr. Hutchings reported on efforts by the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to update local Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ). The MPO is hiring a consultant to do the work. The MPO Zone analysis is going to include the RPO area. There is an existing model that contains all eight communities, and the consultants will be updating all of it. The TAZ's can be used to plan and prioritize road projects.

VI. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS

- A. Mr. Tom Dansie invited all RTAC members to attend a ZC3 meeting being held at the Springdale Town Hall on July 17th at 1:00 pm. Ms. Leone Gibson will be presenting information on a proposed rural transit project along SR-9.

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- B. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Hurricane Valley Business Expo. It was a good opportunity to visit with members of the local communities.
- C. All RTEC meetings will now begin at 1:30 pm instead of 1:00 pm because Mayor Hirschi is no longer driving school bus.
- D. The next regular RTAC meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2009 at 1:30 pm to be held at the LaVerkin City Hall.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.